

**APPROVED AGENDA
OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**April 7, 2025
Regular Meeting
10:42 am**

Via Teleconference: 669 900-6833
Zoom meeting ID: 732 628 2566
Passcode: 86515

Presiding: Brenda Jesus, Chairwoman
Casey Allen Johnson, Vice Chairman

Place: NDOT Senator John Pinto Board Room, Tse Bonito, Navajo Nation (NM)

Members: Present:

☒ Brenda Jesus (C) ☒ Shawna Ann Claw ☒ Danny Simpson
☒ Casey Allen Johnson (VC) ☒ Rickie Nez ☒ Otto Tso

1. Call the Meeting to Order; the Roll Call; the Invocation;
2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
3. Review and Adopt the Agenda

M: Shawna Ann Claw S: Rickie Nez Vote: 5-0 Yeas: CAJ, SAC, RN, DS, OT with 4 amendments

4. Review and adopt the Journal:
 - March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - March 31, 2025 Regular Meeting

M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays

Amendment 3: 8 legislations deleted from agenda because of legal opinion 10 year Forest Management Plan was approved therefore no moratorium on homesites in the commercial forest.

Amendment 4: Add a Directive as 5a relating to the moratorium in the commercial forest and delete 2 reports 7 b and c.

5. New Business:
 - a. DIRECTIVE: The Resources and Development Committee hereby directs the Department of Justice, Natural Resources Unit and Office of Legislative Counsel to write a memorandum stating that the moratorium approved in RDJY-142-92 has expired by its terms.

- ~~b. **Legislation No. 0272-24: An Action Relating to the Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Chantel Delores Herrick and Jason Lance Herrick for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within Crystal Chapter, Navajo Nation**~~

~~Sponsor: Andy Nez, Council Delegate~~

~~M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays~~

- c. ~~**Legislation No. 0273-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Laverne Charley for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within Sawmill Chapter, Navajo Nation (Apache County, Arizona)~~
Sponsor: Andy Nez, Council Delegate

M: _____ S: _____ Vote: _____ Yeas: _____ Nays _____
- d. ~~**Legislation No. 0274-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Roy Yazzie for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within Sawmill Chapter, Navajo Nation~~
Sponsor: Andy Nez, Council Delegate

M: _____ S: _____ Vote: _____ Yeas: _____ Nays _____
- e. ~~**Legislation No. 0275-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Jodonna John for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within Sawmill Chapter, Navajo Nation~~
Sponsor: Andy Nez, Council Delegate

M: _____ S: _____ Vote: _____ Yeas: _____ Nays _____
- f. ~~**Legislation No. 0276-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Lorencita Marshall for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within Sawmill Chapter, Navajo Nation (Apache County, Arizona)~~
Sponsor: Andy Nez, Council Delegate

M: _____ S: _____ Vote: _____ Yeas: _____ Nays _____
- g. ~~**Legislation No. 0277-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Bernice Curley and Berenzia Curley for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within Sawmill Chapter, Navajo Nation (Apache County, Arizona)~~
Sponsor: Andy Nez, Council Delegate

M: _____ S: _____ Vote: _____ Yeas: _____ Nays _____
- h. ~~**Legislation No. 267-24:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Myra Kirsten Navaho for a Homesite Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within Kinlichee Chapter, Navajo Nation~~
Sponsor: Vince James, Council Delegate

M: _____ S: _____ Vote: _____ Yeas: _____ Nays _____
- i. ~~**Legislation No. 0269-24:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development; Waiving the Applicability of Resolution No. RCJY 142-92 with Respect to the Homesite Lease Application for Delila F. Begay for a Homesite~~

~~Lease within the Navajo Commercial Forestry Area and Within
Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter, Navajo Nation~~

~~Sponsor: Carl R. Slater, Council Delegate~~

~~M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays~~

6. Old Business: none

7. Receive Reports:

a. Financial Update on the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise

Presenter: John James, CEO, NNGE

- Organization chart, key positions/status

~~M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays~~

b. ~~Antelope Point Marina Transition Update (Executive Session requested)~~

~~Presenters: Frances Sjoberg, Attorney, Economic Development Unit, DOJ~~

~~with Elaine Young, DED with Christine Brunke, CFO, NNHE~~

~~M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays~~

c. ~~Tucson Electric Power Company Right of Way Renewal (Executive Session requested)~~

~~Presented by Rowena Cheromiah, Director, with Rebecca Gilchrist, Senior~~

~~Mining Engineer, Minerals Department, DNR, Veronica Blackhat, DOJ~~

~~Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Unit and Rebecca Kaufmann,~~

~~Energy & Transmission Consultant~~

~~M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays~~

8. Close of the Session; Written Announcements; Adjournment

~~M: S: Vote: Yeas: Nays~~

Next meeting: April 28, 2025, Shiprock, NM

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